

MR. AND MRS. MIROSLAV KUDRAT

JULY 19, 1951.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1252]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1252) for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Kudrat, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That, for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Kudrat shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act, upon the payment of the required visa fees and head taxes. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct two numbers from the number of displaced persons who shall be granted the status of permanent residence pursuant to section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act, as amended (62 Stat. 1011; 64 Stat. 219; 50 U. S. C. App. 1953).

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to a married couple, refugees, natives and citizens of Czechoslovakia. The bill also provides for the appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fees and head taxes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The pertinent facts in this case are set forth in a letter from the Deputy Attorney General, dated April 4, 1951, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, which letter reads as follows:

APRIL 4, 1951.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 1252) for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Kudrat, aliens.

The bill would direct the Attorney General to record the lawful admission into the United States for permanent residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Kudrat, upon payment by them of the required visa fees and head taxes. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct two numbers from the appropriate immigration quota.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Miroslav and Jirina Kudrat are natives and citizens of Czechoslovakia, having been born respectively in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on February 8, 1887, and in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on September 1, 1898. Coming from London, England, they entered the United States at the port of New York on June 2, 1949, when they were admitted as visitors until September 27, 1949, under section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924. They were granted an extension of their temporary stay until January 27, 1950. Warrants of arrest in deportation proceedings were served on them in March 1950, charging them with being in the United States in violation of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924, in that, after admission as visitors, they have remained for a longer time than permitted. They were found deportable at the hearing granted them in October 1950. It was recommended, however, that orders of deportation be not entered at that time, but that they be required to depart from this country without expense to the Government.

Mr. and Mrs. Kudrat presently reside in Hyattsville, Md., and Mr. Kudrat is employed in Washington, D. C., by the National Committee for Free Europe as a research worker, earning \$275 a month. He stated that he studied economics and was employed in various banks in Europe until 1920, at which time he entered the Czechoslovakian foreign service. He served at various times in Rome, Prague, Belgrade, and Casablanca, until 1940, when he went to London, England, to serve with the Czechoslovakian Government-in-Exile as head of the economic division. He further stated that after the liberation of Czechoslovakia he returned to Prague, that he served as the Czechoslovakian Minister in Iraq and Iran from May 1946 until August 1948, at which time he resigned for political reasons, and that he disagrees with the present regime in Czechoslovakia. Both aliens have been married before, their previous marriages having terminated in divorce. Mr. Kudrat has a daughter by his first marriage, who resides in Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Kudrat's mother and brother reside in Prague, and Mr. Kudrat has a brother in Pilsen. Neither alien has relatives in this country.

The quota for Czechoslovakia, to which the aliens are chargeable, is oversubscribed and immigration visas are not readily obtainable. The record fails, however, to present considerations which would justify the enactment of special legislation granting them a preference over the many other aliens abroad who desire to enter this country for permanent residence, but who are unable to do so because of the oversubscription of the quotas to which they are chargeable.

Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of the measure.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,
Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Havenner, the author of this bill, urged the enactment of his measure and submitted the following memorandum:

My bill, H. R. 1252, for the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Miroslav Kudrat, was introduced at the request of Mr. M. S. Goold, who is presently residing at 4852 Indian Lane, Washington, D. C. Mr. Goold became interested in Mr. and Mrs. Kudrat when he was our consul general in Casablanca and Mr. Kudrat was the Czech consul. He helped them to get out of Morocco after the collapse of France by the Nazis. They lived in London during most of the war and thereafter Mr. Kudrat was appointed Minister of the Republic of Persia. After the Communist coup in that country he resigned his job at Tehran, but did not return to Czechoslovakia. They came to this country and he worked in the Library of Congress

as a foreign lawyer under the auspices of the National Committee for Free Europe. They came by virtue of visitors' visas.

Mr. Goold speaks very highly of the Kudrats. He considers them displaced persons and political refugees. Their present address is 99-63 Sixty-sixth Avenue, Forest Hills, New York, N. Y.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 1252, as amended, should be enacted and it accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.



as a foreign lawyer, and is a member of the National Committee for Free Speech. They came by the ship of the 1st of May, 1912. Mr. G. is a very high of the Rubra. He considers it an important person and political relation. Their address is 1012 Sixth Street, New York, N. Y.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H. R. 1232, as amended, should be enacted and it accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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